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II. REMARKS

A. Claim objections. The examiner objected to claims 1, 3-4, 16-19, 21, 23-34, and 50 due to informalities. Applicant has amended the claims to address each of the informalities.

B. Claim rejection 35 USC § 101. The examiner rejected claim 20 because the invention was directed to non-statutory subject matter. Applicant has amended claim 10 to recite "a data structure encoded in a computer readable media and"

C. Claim rejections under 35 USC 102 and claim rejections under 35 USC 103.

The examiner rejected claims 1, 3, 4, 6-14, 16-19, 21, 23, 24, 26-33 as being unpatentable over Curtis (US 6,442,754) in view of Foster (US 6,675,382). The examiner further rejected claims 5 and 25 as being unpatentable over Curtis (US 6,442,754) in view of Foster (US 6,675,382) as applied to claims 4 and 24, and further in view of Bourke-Dunphy et al. (US 6,918,112). The examiner rejected claim 36 as being unpatentable over Curtis (US 6,442,754) in view of Bourke-Dunphy et al. (US 6,918,112).

Applicant has amended independent claims 1, 14, 21 and 34 to add a limitation that the plurality of software components comprise an IBM® Websphere Application Server (WAS). Claim 20 has been amended to add the limitation that "the software component installation package is "adapted for installation of an IBM® Websphere Application Server (WAS)." Applicant submits that the limitation is supported by the specification in at least paragraphs [4], [22], [31], [32], [35], [37], [39], and FIG. 2, 7, 9A and 9B.

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